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Docket No.: 283-304
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Timothy P. Meier et al.

Application No.: 09/788,179

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Art Unit: 2621

For: Identification Card Reader

Examiner: B. Q. Le

PETITION TO REQUIRE EXAMINER TO RENDER

REPLACEMENT OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.181(a)(1)

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Sir:

1. A Request for Continued Examination ("RCE") was filed in the above application on December 9, 2005.
2. A "final" Office Action dated September 26, 2006 has been received by the applicants.
3. For an action to be made final after filing of an RCE, all claims in the application must be drawn to the same invention claimed in the application prior to the entry of the submission under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 and could have been finally rejected on the grounds and art of record in the next Office Action if they had been entered in the application prior to entry under 37 C.F.R. §1.114. See MPEP §706.07(b)

4. The requirements for a final Office Action after filing of an RCE have not been satisfied, first because claims were added and amended with the submission under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 and second, because the Examiner relied upon new art in making the rejection of the September 26, 2006 final Office Action.

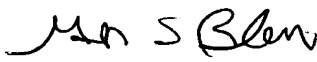
5. Accordingly, applicants hereby petition the Director to require the Examiner to render a replacement Office Action without a "final" status and to vacate the "final" Office Action of September 26, 2006.

If the Director believes that contact with applicants' attorney would be advantageous toward the disposition of this case, the Director is herein requested to call applicants' representative at the phone number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this communication to deposit Account No. 50-0289.

Dated: September 29, 2006

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